

GEORGE D. LAPOINTE

Home Address:

Birth Date:



EDUCATION

M.S. in Wildlife, 1986, University of Minnesota

B.S. in Wildlife Biology, 1980, University of Massachusetts

EXPERIENCE

President / Owner, George Lapointe Consulting LLC, March 2012 to present

Professional consulting services in marine fisheries management and ocean environment policy issues. Current work includes science/management representation for Atlantic scallop vessel group, and mapping of commercial fishing activity in New England including stakeholder engagement, spatial characterization of lobster fishery in southern New England, and developing integrated fishery reporting system. Other projects include advising National Marine Fisheries Service on research and implementation of electronic reporting and monitoring, mapping of commercial fishing activity, technical consultation and writing on marine aquaculture in New England, facilitating marine recreational fishing vision process, description of commercial fishing in the Gulf of Maine, economic development work for Maine lobster company, writing fishery stock assessment document for decision makers, and mapping of commercial and party/charter fishing activity in New England, facilitation of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council development of policy on impacts of fishing activity on marine habitat

Staff member, New England Fishery Management Council, January 2011 to January 2012

Half-time staff position developing fishery management plan performance evaluation for Council consideration, monitoring ocean energy development issues. Organized effort for comprehensive catch shares management workshop in conjunction with stakeholder advisory group. Presented draft agenda and objectives to Council for consideration and approval; project postponed through 2012 because of changing Council priorities. Fishery management plan performance evaluation will be presented to the Council in January 2012.

Fishery Management Consultant, March 2011 to March 2012

Contract with Sustainable Fisheries Office of National Marine Fisheries Service examining fishery allocation issues nationwide through interviews with NOAA Fisheries Service staff, Regional Fishery Management Council members and staff, State marine fisheries agency directors, commercial fishers, recreational anglers, environmental stakeholders, and others. Over 100 people have been interviewed for the project, preliminary result compilation, and data analysis is being done for inclusion in final report. Interview information will be compiled into report with summary of interview responses and options for NOAA Fisheries Service consideration regarding fishery allocation policy issues. Draft report submitted to NMFS in March 2012.

Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources, September 1998 to January 2011.

Led state agency responsible for management of Maine's marine resources with philosophy of cooperative, proactive management. Prepare agency budget, legislative initiatives, integrate interstate and international management issues with State management, and coordinate with regional entities, direct senior managers for agency staff of 170. Work cooperatively with other state agencies on multiple agency issues. Seek consensus based solutions to marine resource management issues using significant stakeholder input from commercial and recreational fishermen, environmental interests, and general public. Address management issues balancing resource protection and use with increased community input and recognition of unique character of Maine's coastal communities. Responsible for aquaculture

development, regulation, and coordination with other state and federal agencies. Combined Atlantic Salmon Commission in to Department of Marine Resources for better coordination, ecosystem based management. Coordinate state management activities with other states, interstate commission, regional councils, federal agencies, and international organizations. Member of Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Chair 2005-2008), New England Fishery Management Council, Maine Land and Water Resources Council, Atlantic Salmon Commission, Land for Maine's Future Board (Chair 2002-2010), Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Acting U.S. Commissioner to North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization, Federal Marine Protected Area Advisory Committee.

Director, Interstate Fisheries Management Program, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), Washington, DC. December 1994 – September 1998

Direct ASMFC's fishery management planning activities. Supervise the preparation and implementation of fishery management plans for 19 Atlantic Coast species, seeking state based solutions to fishery management issues. Directed integration of habitat, recreational fisheries, and increased science in interstate fishery management plans. Coordinate activities with state marine fisheries agencies, federal agencies, academic and scientific organizations, conservation organizations, and the public to promote efficiency, outreach and public participation in the ASMFC fishery management process. Member of New England Fishery Management Council, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Project Liaison, Proactive Strategies Project, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Baton Rouge, LA., 1991-1994

Assisted state, provincial, and federal fish and wildlife agencies with strategies to maintain support for professional resource management. Prepared and delivered numerous public addresses on the role of proactive outreach in sustainable resource management. Developed strategies to address animal rights movement as it impacts professional fish and wildlife management.

Legislative Counsel, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Washington, DC., 1989-1991

Directed legislative affairs for Association representing 50 state fish and wildlife agencies. Monitored federal legislation affecting wildlife management, marine fisheries management, public land use, private land stewardship, wetland conservation, and federal resource management agency budgets. Coordinated Association positions with national conservation organizations. Prepared and delivered testimony for IAFWA on federal legislative and regulatory initiatives. Organized annual federal agency budget presentations for 13 agencies to state agencies and conservation agencies. Member Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, Hunter Safety Council.

Council Liaison, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Washington, DC., 1987- 1989

Represented ASMFC as non-voting member on three Atlantic Coast Councils. Legislative liaison for ASMFC.

Fisheries Management Specialist, Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), Newport News, VA., 1985-1987

Prepared Fisheries management plans for finfish and shellfish in Virginia's marine waters.

Laboratory Technician, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA, 1984-1985

Conducted field work, sorted marine benthic samples, data entry

Various work experience, 1975-1985

Graduate school, field studies, roofer, dairy farm hired hand, sawyer, power line maintenance crew

BOARD, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

- Commission Chair 2005-2008
- Lobster Management Board, Chair 2000-2002
- Atlantic Menhaden Board, Chair 2009-2010

Federal Marine Protected Areas Advisory Committee (2004-2010)

Gulf of Maine Census of Marine Life

- Policy Advisory Committee

Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Maine Land and Water Resources Council

Land for Maine's Future Board

- Chair of Board, 2002-2010

North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization

- U.S. Commissioner
- Chair, North American Commission, 2007-2009
- Chair, West Greenland Commission, 2009-2010

New England Fishery Management Council

- Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Committee
- Transboundary Management Guidance Committee, Chair, 2004-2010

City of Hallowell, Maine, City Council member, 2014-present

Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Augusta, Maine

- President, 2005-2008
- Past member, Strategic Planning Committee

PUBLICATIONS

Lapointe, G.D. 2002. A State Managers Perspective on Marine Wilderness Areas. Presented to New York Symposium on Marine Wilderness Areas, Stonybrook, NY

Lapointe, G.D. and J. H. Dunnigan. 1996. Strengthening state-based institutions for marine fisheries management: The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Management Act. Trans. 61st N. Amer. Wildl. Nat. Res. Conf.

Lapointe, G.D. and T.R. Thompson. 1993. Marketing Wildlife to a New Constituency. Trans. 58th N. Amer. Wildl. Nat. Res. Conf.

Lapointe, G. D. 1992. Mixed Messages: Who is Really Communicating the Wildlife Story: Part 11 - Wildlife Agency Viewpoints. Northeast Wildlife 49:75-80.

CERTIFICATIONS

Associate Fisheries Biologist, American Fisheries Society; Associate Wildlife Biologist. The Wildlife Society

AWARDS

David H. Hart Award, for leadership in Atlantic Coast fisheries management, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

US Department of Interior, Cooperative Conservation Award, 2008, for leadership on Penobscot River Restoration Project

Coastal America Partnership Award, 2003, for leadership on Smelt Hill Dam Removal Team

REFERENCES

Available on request